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In re Application of:

Todd J. MORTIER et al.

Application No.: 09/981,790

Filed: October 19, 2001

For: VALVE TO MYOCARDIUM  
TENSION MEMBERS DEVICE  
AND METHOD

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed July 29, 2003, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning at  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.

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